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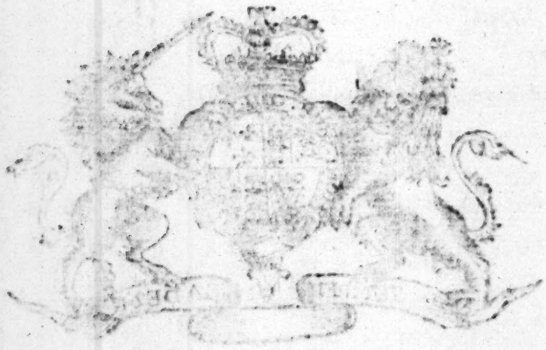

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Her MAJESTIES *most Gracious* SPEECH *to both Houſes of Parliament, on* Thurſday *the Sixth Day of* November, 1707.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is with all humble Thankfulneſs to Almighty God, and with entire Satisfaction to My Self, that I Meet you here in this Firſt Parliament of *Great Britain*, not doubting but you come with Hearts prepared, as Mine is, to make this Union ſo Proſperous, as may anſwer the well-grounded Hopes of all My good Subjects, and the reaſonable Apprehenſions of Our Enemies.

To this end, nothing is ſo immediately Material, as to convince, as ſoon as is poſſible, both Our Friends and Our Enemies, that the Uniting of Our Intereſts has not only improved Our Abilities, but Our Reſolutions alſo, to Proſecute this Juſt and Neceſſary War, till We obtain a Safe and Honourable Peace for Our Selves, and for Our Allies.

In ſo great and extenſive a War as this is, many things may be uſefully undertaken, which are not fit to be communicated before hand: The Attempt upon *Toulon* was of this Nature, and though it had not wholly its deſired Effect, has nevertheleſs been attended with many great and obvious Advantages to the Common Cauſe in this Year, and has made Our Way more eaſy, I hope, to greater in the next.

As the *French* have gained ground upon Us in *Spain*, ſo they have been wholly driven out of *Italy*, by which it is become more eaſy for all the Allies to joyn their Aſſiſtance next Year, for Enabling the King of *Spain* to Recover His Affairs in that Kingdom, and to Reduce the whole *Spaniſh* Monarchy to His Obedience.

The Weakneſs, and ill Poſture of Affairs upon the *Rhine* in the Beginning of the Year, has given an Opportunity to the *French* to make themſelves ſtronger in all other Parts, but this Defect ſeems in a very promiſing way of being fully Remedied againſt next Campaign, by the Conduct and Authority of the Elector of *Hannover*, whoſe ſeaſonable Acceptance of that Command has ſtrengthned and obliged the whole Confederacy.

Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons,

The juſt Application of the Supplies given Me by former Parliaments, the plain Neceſſity of Continuing this War, the reaſonable Proſpect of putting a good End to it, if We be not want-

ing to Our Selves, and the Honour of the First Parliament of *Great Britain* are, I make no doubt, Sufficient Arguments to incite you to Provide the neceſſary Supplies which I am obliged to deſire of you for the enſuing Campaign in all Parts, and particularly for the timely Support of the King of *Spain*, and the making good Our Treaty with *Portugal*, as alſo for Strengthning the Confederate Army under the Command of the Duke of *Savoy*; All which Services I don't doubt but you will think ſo neceſſary, that they ought not to be neglected, even though they ſhould require an Augmentation.

The Sums already expended in this War, have been very great, and they are Sufficient Proofs how well ſatisfied My Subjects have always been with the Ends of My Government, of which I am ſo ſenſible, as never to ask any Supplies from them, but what are abſolutely neceſſary for the Preſervation of their Religion and Liberty, and I look upon it as My great Happineſs, that I have not the leaſt Intereſt ſeparate from that of all My Good Subjects.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

In a Work ſo great and new in its kind as that of the Union, it is impoſſible but that ſome Doubts and Difficulties muſt have ariſen, which however, I hope, are ſo far overcome, as to have defeated the Deſigns of thoſe who would have made uſe of that Handle to foment Diſturbances.

There are ſeveral Matters expreſly made liable, by the Articles of the Union, to the Conſideration of the Parliament of *Great Britain*, which, together with ſuch others as may reaſonably produce thoſe Advantages that, with due Care, muſt certainly ariſe from that Treaty, I earneſtly recommend to your ſerious Conſideration.

On My part nothing ſhall be wanting to procure to My People all the Bleſſings which can follow from this happy Circumſtance of My Reign, and to Extinguiſh, by all proper means, the leaſt Occaſions of Jealouſie, that either the Civil or Religious Rights of any Part of this My United Kingdom can Suffer by the Conſequences of this Union.

Such a Suggeſtion ſhall never in My Time have any Foundation, how reſtleſs ſoever Our Enemies may be in their Endeavours and Artifices to diſturb Our Peace and Happineſs, thoſe Great and Valuable Bleſſings cannot but be always ſecure to Us, if We heartily endeavour to Confirm and Improve Our preſent Union; I hope therefore you will ſuffer nothing to prevail with you to Diſunite among your ſelves, or Abate your Zeal in Oppoſing the Common Enemy.

FINIS.